

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the application. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 6-15, 52, 65-74, and 80, and for indicating that claims 56 and 62 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 6-15, 52, 56, 62, 64-74, and 80 are now pending in the application.

Claims 56 and 62 have been rewritten in independent form, and, accordingly, are in condition for allowance.

With the exception of presently rejected claim 64, Applicant has cancelled all pending rejected claims 2-5, 47-51, 57-61, 63, 75-79, and 81 without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein. Claim 64 depends from allowed claim 6, and therefore is believed patentable for at least the reasons that the Examiner has allowed claim 6. Applicant, however, does not acquiesce in the claim rejections, and hereby reserves the right to refile the cancelled claims and contest the rejections thereof in one or more subsequent applications.

The claim amendments have rendered moot all of the examiner's rejections to the claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections and issue a notice of full allowance for the application.

CONCLUSION

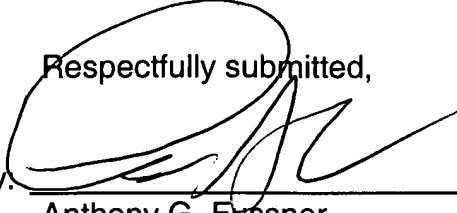
It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7502.

Applicant believes that he does not owe any fee in connection with this filing. If, however, Applicant does owe any fee(s), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee(s) to Deposit Account No. **08-0750**. In addition, if there is ever any other

fee deficiency or overpayment under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.17 in connection with this patent application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. **08-0750**.

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